Circulation of counterfeit notes of one thousand

[f]4226. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even the fake notes in denomination of Rs. 1000 have come in circulation in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have so far taken any concrete steps to check it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) A few forged notes of Rs. 1000 denomination have been detected by the Reserve Bank of India. These forged notes were very crude, attempted by photocopy and could be identified with ease.

(b) and (c) With a view to making the counterfeiting of Rs. 1000 notes difficult, additional security features have been incorporated in the note.

Effect of Free Market Economy on U.P.

+4227. SHRI MUNAWAR HASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether economic condition of Uttar Pradesh has deteriorated after adopting Free Market Economy whereas there has been improvement in the other States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken^roposed to be taken to ensure development of Uttar Pradesh in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) There is no evidence to suggest that the economic condition of

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Uttar Pradesh has deteriorated due to the adoption of policies of economic liberalization.

(c) The Eleventh Finance Commission has made detailed assessment of the receipts and expenditure of Uttar Pradesh and has recommended devolutions and grants to the State so as to improve the fiscal viability of the State which would contribute to the economic growth of the State. The State Government undertakes policies and programmes for development as part of its Annual Plan and Central assistance for the same is also provided on the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

World Bank's assistance to Gujarat

*4228. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been received from World Bank for the earthquake effected areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, to what extent and the head under which the said funds are proposed to be spent;

(c) whether said funds have been sent to Gujarat; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agreement is for US $ 400 million divided sectorally as under:

Housing	:	US $ 247 million
Social Sectors	:	US $ 38.1 million
Infrastructure	:	US $ 108.4 million
Community Participation Support	:	US $ 4.5 million
Disaster Management Capacity Building		US $ 2 million

(c) First tranche of funds amounting to US $ 80 million have been received which have been transferred to Government of Gujarat.

(d) Does not arise.

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